



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Superintendents, Principals, and School Nurses

From: Steve Balko, Director of School Building Security

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Subject: Hearing Screening Guidance

Indiana Code (I.C. 20-34-3-14) requires that all students in first, fourth, seventh, and tenth grades, including both in-person and virtual learners, receive a hearing screening. Hearing screenings are required for students in the required grades, as well as students transferring into the school corporation and students suspected of having a hearing defect.

Although it is best practice to complete hearing screenings in the fall, Indiana law does not stipulate a specific date by which these annual screenings must be completed. Schools have until the end of the school year to complete the screening process.

If a student is enrolled at one school, but attends another (due to programming), it is the responsibility of the enrolling school to ensure the mandated screenings are completed and that the results are reported to the Indiana Department of Education via the School Health Report at the end of the school year.

Additional hearing screening guidance can be found on the [IDOE Hearing and Vision Screening webpage](#).

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